therein that in communal riots cases occurring after 1.4.1990 an enhanced relief of Rs. 50,000 in the case of death/permanent incapacitation and a monthly pension of Rs. 500 to the widows of victims of riots belonging to the low income group may be paid.

Constitutional status to Nepal Language

1956. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any memorandum dated the 17th August, 1991 from Akhil Bharatiya Nepali Bhasa Samity, Assam State Branch, Guwahati urging for according constitutional status to Nepali Language; and

(b) if so, the steps Government have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Governmen are of the view that inclusion of more languages in the Eighth Schedule would create other repercussions and reactions. However, it will continue to be the endeavour of the Government to develop the cultural and literary heritage of all the language irrespective of their being included in the Eighth Schedule or not.

Pension to Freedom Fighters

1957. SHRI SAMAR MUKERJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to consider the applications for grant of pension to freedom fighters received after the prescribed date;

(b) whether any such applicatins have been received from Hyderabad (Andhra Pradesh);

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action taken thereon

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) to (d) Delayed applications accompanied with documentary evidence from official records clearly establishing at least 6 months suffering in connection with freedom struggle are still being considered for grant of pension to freedom fighters. As and when such applications are received, they are considered in consultation with the State Government and pension sanctioned if found eligible. Separate district-wise record of delayed applications is not maintained.

Harassment by Delhi Police

1958. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased tn state:

(a) whether Government have received a mamorandum dated the 25th October, 1991 from the Communist Party of India (Marxist), Delhi State Committee about alleged harassment to bonafide residents and citizens by Delhi Palice;

(b) if so, the details therenf; and

(c) whether Government have investigated the complaint and if so, the remedial action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) to (e) Yes, Sir, A letter has ben received from Shri Saifuddin Choudhury, Member of Parliament, enclosing a representation from some residents of Sanjay Amar J. J. Colony. The representationists have stated that they are citizens of India but the police is harassing them and telling them that they are Bangladeshi refugees and have no right tn live there.

The Delhi Police has reported that the people residing in Sanjay Amar Colony are mainly from Bangladesh. Most of the people from Bangladaesh try to

get themselves listed in the voters list in order to avoid deportation and other legal proceedings. The problem of illegal migrants from Bangladesh is assuming serious proportions and the Delhi Police recently took action to deport 26 Bangladesh nationals. The Delhi Police have stated that no harassment has been caused by them to bonafide residents and citizens.

Modernisation of Police in Orissa

1959. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are assisting the State Governments for the modernisation of police forces:

(b) if so, the details of the assistance extended to the State of Orissa during last three years for this purpose:

(c) the other steps Government have taken in that State in this regard; and

(d) the amount spent on that programme during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) Yes, Sir. Under the Scheme of Modernisation of State Police Forces, the Central Government has been providing financial assistance to the State Governments in respect of some items viz. better mobility, wireless communications, forensic science, laboratories (building and equipment), scientific aids to investigation and training equipment.

(b) to (d) The assistance given to the State of Orissa under the Scheme over the period 1988-89, 1989-90 and 1990-91 amounts to Rs. 46.96 lakhs, Rs. 44.60 lakh and Rs. 37 lakhs respectively.

'Police' and 'Public Order' being State subjects it is primarily for the State Governments to take necessary steps to improve the standars of the Police Force. Central assistance provided under the Scheme for Modernisation of Police Forces is only by way of supplementing the State Government's expenditure out of their own resources.

Boms explosion in a Shuttle train

1960. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a powerful bomb exploded in Shuttle train running between Meerut and New Delhi on the 19th October, 91;

(b) if so, what is the number of passengers killed/injured as a result thereof;

(c) whether Goverament have since instituted an inquiry into the incident; and

(d) if so, what are the findings thereof and the steps taken by Government to provide safe journey to the passengers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MNISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) A bomb explosion took place on 2 DNM Passenger Train between Modi Nagar and Murad Nagar on 19.10.1991.

(b) No passenger was killed. However, two passengers sustained serious injuries and two minor injuries.

(c) and (d) General Railway Police, Meerut has registered a criminal case which is under investigation.

The maintenance of law and order on the Railways is the responsibility of the State Governments. However, in the effected areas, the travelling public is being warned through public address systems, T.V., posters and news-paper advertisements not to touch or handle any suspicious looking object and to report to the Police/Railway Staff if any such object comes to their notice. Besides, coaches of passengers trains are thoroughly checked before they are placed at the platforms. In addition, random checks of passengers' luggage is being conducted in the affected areas by police